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AS WELL AS DRAFT TOAST. (HOWEVER, IN SECRETARY'S PAST
VISITS TO JORDAN, TOASTS HAVE NOT BEEN EXCHANGED.)

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT - NO TRIP IN THIS AREA IS TRULY
COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT TO OUR CLOSE FRIENDS IN JORDAN.
I HAVE COME TO SEEK THE COUNSEL OF HIS MAJESTY KING
HUSSEIN AND OF PRIME MINISTER RIFAI REGARDING THE CURRENT
QUESTIONS FACING THE AREA AND ON WAYS OF FURTHER STRENGTHEN-
ING OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS. OUR CONVERSATIONS WILL
TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONTINUING JOINT EFFORTS
TO SECURE NOT ONLY INTERIM AGREEMENTS BUT ALSO A TRUELY
JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS AREA. HIS MAJESTY KING
HUSSEIN AND I HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON
PREVIOUS VISITS. I KNOW THAT OUR STAY HERE WILL BE
AS ALWAYS MOST PLEASANT AND EQUALLY PRODUCTIVE.

3. DEPARTURE STATEMENT - HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN
AND I AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS
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HAVE HELD A SERIES OF TALKS ON WAYS OF ADVANCING OUR

SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE AREA AND OF STRENGTHENING OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS. (COMMENT: INCLUDE IF APPROPRIATE "PARTICULARLY CONCERNING WAYS THAT WE CAN EFFECTIVELY CARRY THROUGH ON OUR DESIRE TO HELP JORDAN MEET ITS AIR DEFENSE NEEDS".) WE WERE IMPRESSED BY THE WIDSON OF THE JORDANIAN VIEWPOINT AND THE WARMTH OF JORDANIAN HOSPITALITY AND JORDAN'S COMMITMENT TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

4. PROPOSED TOAST - THIS IS MY TENTH VISIT TO JORDAN ON A CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE MANY OCCASIONS ON WHICH YOUR MAJESTY AND OUR OTHER JORDANIAN FRIENDS HAVE MET WITH US TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA REPRESENT A LONGING FOR PEACE WHICH IS SHARED BY ALL THOSE LIVING IN THE REGION. IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT THAT ONCE AGAIN WE MEET TO SEEK YOUR MAJESTY'S WISE COUNSEL AND TO ENJOY YOUR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY.

----- JORDAN HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES DURING THE PERIOD OF OUR VISITS HERE, BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC. DURING THIS TIME OF FLUX, HOWEVER, ONE MUTUAL GOAL OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS REMAINED PARAMOUNT: OUR DESIRE TO FORGE A DURABLE AND EQUITABLE PEACE FOR THE AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTMENTS ALONG THE WAY, BUT I BELIEVE WE CAN ALSO POINT TO SOME SUCCESSES, AND IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT THE PROGRESS MADE ON THIS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST MAY REPRESENT A NEW DEPARTURE TOWARDS PEACE. THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT HAVE BEFORE THEM AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO WHICH REASONABLE MEN MIGHT USEFULLY ADDRESS THEMSELVES WITH AN ATTITUDE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, FAR REMOVED FROM THE IMMEDIATE PRESSURES OF WAR. THE FIRST STEPS HAVE BEEN MADE IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE. THESE STEPS, IN MY JUDGEMENT, SIGNAL A CONTINUING MOVEMENT TOWARD THE REMOVAL FROM THE AREA OF THE SCOURGE OF WAR.

----- OUR VISIT TO AMMAN OCCURS AS PART OF A LONG TRADITION OF CLOSE AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH YOUR MAJESTY AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF JORDAN. THIS CONSTANT OF OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS REQUIRES LITTLE ELABORATION ON MY PART AND IS A SOURCE OF SPECIAL SATISFACTION TO US. WE BELIEVE IT HAS AND WILL CON-

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TINUE TO WITHSTAND ALL CHALLENGES AND ADVERSITIES. OUR GOVERNMENT ATTACHES THE HIGHEST VALUE TO THIS RELATIONSHIP AND YOU HAVE MY PLEDGE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST TO STRENGTHEN IT AND TO ASSIST JORDAN TO MEET ITS MANY BURDENS. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT, WHATEVER THE CHALLENGES, THE LONGSTANDING AND TRADITIONALLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES WILL PREVAIL AND WILL EVEN BE STRENGTHENED.

----- I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE ON A PERSONAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE TO HIS MAJESTY, QUEEN ALIA, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND PRINCESS SARVATH, AND PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. RIFAI, FOR THEIR WARM GENEROSITY IN THE MIDST OF A TIRING JOURNEY. I WISH, THEREFORE, TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR MAJESTIES. IN DOING SO, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY FRIENDS TO JOIN ME IN WISHING THAT, IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS, THAT WE WILL FIND A WAY TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA. THE WISDOM AND GOODWILL WHICH IS SO APPARENT HERE THIS EVENING I KNOW WILL GREATLY HELP US TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL.
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